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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 415X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Langdon, North Dakota and Hannah, North Dakota**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 3, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 20.93 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 74.07, near Langdon, in Cavalier County, North Dakota and railroad milepost 95.00, near Hannah, in Cavalier County, North Dakota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58249, 58281 and 58239. By decision served May 21, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective June 22, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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